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OF THE LOWER  
RIO GRANDE VALLEY

U.S. House of Representatives – Texas Delegation  
The Honorable Kevin Brady  
428 Cannon HOB  
Washington, DC 20515

EL PASO VALLEY  
COTTON ASSOCIATION

Dear Representative Kevin Brady:

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GROWERS, INC.

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ST. LAWRENCE  
COTTON GROWERS  
ASSOCIATION, INC.

The membership of Texas Cotton Producers, Inc. believes that the approval of the Dominican Republic- Central American Free Trade Agreement is critical to keeping the U.S. textile industry as the primary customer for U.S. cotton. In light of the significant changes that are occurring in the U.S. textile sector, the importance of solidifying a growing demand for U.S. cotton textiles cannot be overlooked. In recent years DR-CAFTA countries have become an important growth market for U.S. cotton textile products. To maintain this positive momentum it is important that you and your colleagues in the Texas Congressional delegation submit your vote in support of DR-CAFTA.

SOUTH TEXAS COTTON  
AND GRAIN  
ASSOCIATION, INC.

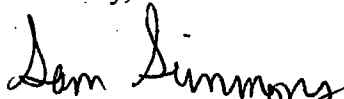
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Combined DR-CAFTA countries utilized some 2.7 million bales of U.S. cotton last year. This means that U.S. cotton producers grew the vast majority of the 3.4 million bale equivalents of cotton textile products that were imported from the DR-CAFTA region during that same period. The Texas cotton industry produces, on average, 5.7 million bales of cotton each year with an estimated farm-gate value of roughly \$1.3 billion. Because Texas accounts for almost one-third of the total volume of cotton produced in the United States, a growth in the demand for U.S. cotton and cotton textile components means an increasing opportunity for Texas cotton producers to sell their cotton. As currently crafted DR-CAFTA will allow textile products made in the U.S. from U.S. grown cotton to be cost competitive with the flood of textile products being produced in Asia.

Approval of the DR-CAFTA agreement is important to the entire U.S. cotton industry and Texas Cotton Producers urges you to support its passage.

Sincerely,



Sam Simmons,  
President